GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3304
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
GROUNDING OF MIG AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has grounded all MiG-21 `Type-69` twin seater trainer aircraft till the exact cause behind the crash near Srinagar on July 14, 2003 could be ascertained;

(b) if so, whether the cause behind this crash of MiG-21 near Srinagar has since been ascertained;

(c) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(d) if not, the progress made in this regard; and

(e) the life span of different version of MiG-21 aircraft and the number of such aircrafts completed their life span?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d): A Court of Inquiry has been set up to ascertain the cause of the accident and is still in progress.

(e) The life spans of different versions of MiG-21 aircraft and the details of such aircraft that completed their life spans are annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN TO IN PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3304 14.8.2003

Sl. No.	MiG-21 version	Life span (in years)	No. of aircraft that have completed their life spans
I	MiG-21 Bis	35	Nil
II	MiG-21 FL	40	10
III	MiG-21 (Type-96)	35	01
IV	MiG-21 trainers	5	Nil